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Washington State Patrol's "Most Wanted" Arrest

Detectives from the WSP Marysville Criminal Investigation Unit (CIU) announced the arrest of WSP Most Wanted suspect Clarence J. Charles by Mount Vernon Police Officers.

Charles was being sought by the Washington State Patrol for a Felony (Fatality) Hit and Run that occurred on April 17, 2003, in Whatcom County after he drove to the 2400 block of Scott Road and let his passenger out of his vehicle. He and his passenger had both been drinking. A short time later Charles returned to pick his previous passenger up, who was, by then, lying unconscious in the westbound lane. Charles ran over the man causing fatal injuries and then fled the scene. Charles was found and arrested, but he subsequently failed to appear in court and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

On April 28, 2005, at approximately 3:00 a.m., Mount Vernon Police Officers responded to a 911 hang-up/noise complaint at an apartment in the city limits of Mount Vernon at JJ Place. As a result of the contact, Clarence Charles was arrested on his outstanding warrant by the responding Officers. Charles is currently being transported back to Whatcom County to answer to the charges against him.

Charles was placed on the WSP Most Wanted Web Site, and he is the 36th WSP Most Wanted Suspect arrested or located and brought to justice since the website was established in September of 2003.

For more information on the Washington State Patrol's "Most Wanted", go to the WSP website at www.wsp.wa.gov.

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